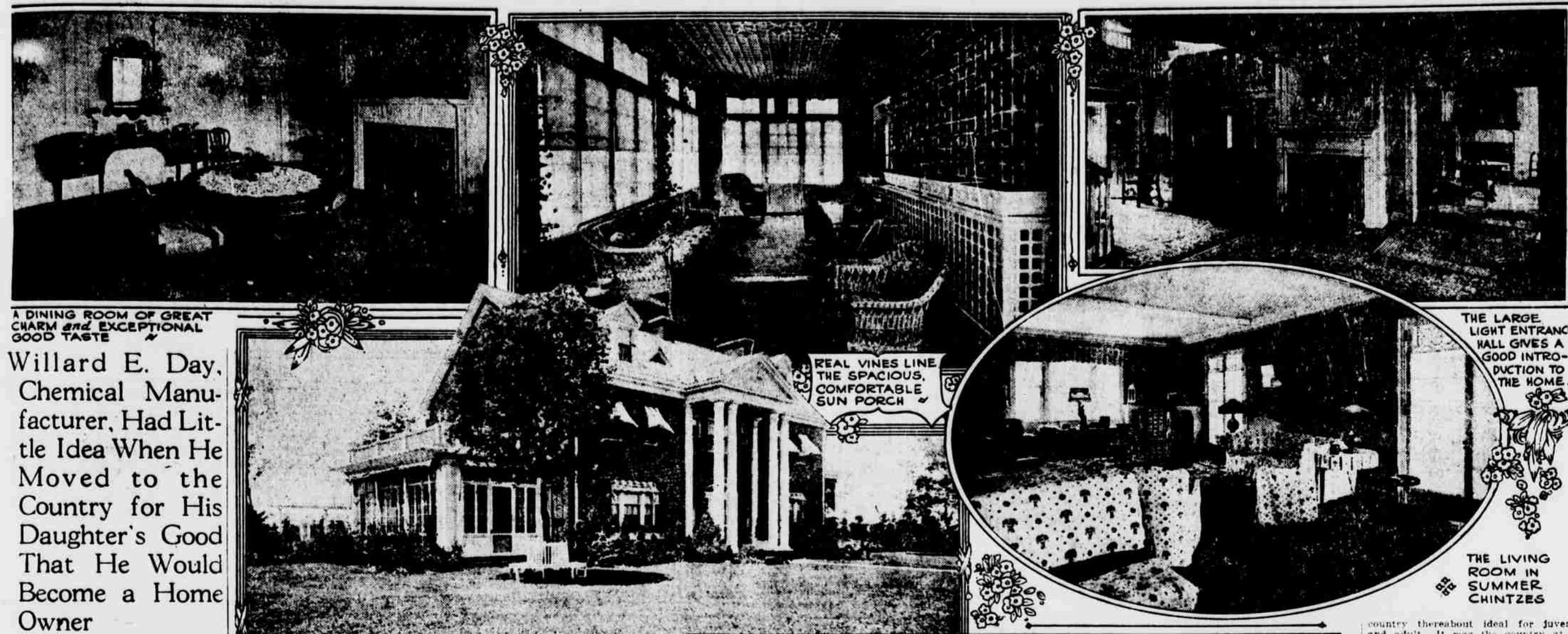


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## SEARCH FOR HEALTH RESULTED IN BUILDING OF FINE ESTATE IN BEAUTIFUL HILL COUNTRY AT GEDNEY FARM



**Willard E. Day, Chemical Manufacturer, Had Little Idea When He Moved to the Country for His Daughter's Good That He Would Become a Home Owner**

A little child, the daughter of Willard E. Day, vice-president of Haritan Chemical Company, and Mrs. Day, led her parents out of the city and into the country. The little girl's health was not as good as her parents desired and ever and always their eyes were on her and her physical welfare. Several years before saying goodbye to urban life and moving to Gedney Farm many removals were made through the residential sections of the upper city in the hope of locating in the healthiest spot. Mr. Day says that New York is a very healthy place and many of its children grow up and become strong and healthy citizens. But, he maintains, in view of the change which has come in the health of his little girl that these children would be stronger and healthier if they had been brought up in the open country such as skirts the built-up city of New York.

THE DAY PLACE IS ONE OF MANY ATTRACTIVE HOMES AT GEDNEY FARM

his two little girls. Like a lot of folks who have lived in the city from childhood, Mr. and Mrs. Day had views of life in the country which were not exactly rosy. Unthinkable hardships were imagined; conveniences of city life would have to be given up; train catching and missing were nuisances which would have to be endured and the thoughts of the icy blasts and the mountains of snow made country living anything but cheerful.

The Days, in other words, were not to be persuaded by the word pictures of real estate men. The glories of the country in summer were recognized and appreciated, but the winter months in a house among the trees and in the path of unbroken cold blasts were not consoling thoughts and they preferred the shelter of city streets and warm steam heated apartments to the "cozy cot" on the side of a hill during the first and last few months of the year.

But the little Miss Day was not as healthy as her parents wished. Telling the country notice was taken of the robust health of the youngsters; their rosy cheeks and the wild laughter during play. Untiring they romped and raced, making limbs and body strong and sturdy. The confident air they displayed was evidence of unhampered play and pure air under a sun which bathed them from morning until night. Compared with the children of the urban sections country lads and lassies looked healthier in the eyes of Mr. Day. The healthy tan of the country youngster was missing from the faces and arms and legs of the city chaps.

Stronger and stronger grew the belief in the minds of Mr. and Mrs. Day that the city was no place to bring up children and despite the fears of country life they decided to try out living away from the city for a time to see what response the little lady's health would make to the change of air and surroundings and the greater possibilities for her to engage in the wild play of children.

Search was made of the country to the north, south, east and west. Mr. Day is a thorough man and since he decided to give country living a test he intended to make the test under the most favorable conditions, so that the result would be conclusive one way or the other. He spent many a Sunday morning about the country and asking a thousand and one questions about places. Sundays were not the only days given to the finding of an ideal home in the country. When it was possible to take an hour from his business he spent it satisfying himself about places and in finding new residential locations. Newspaper advertisements offering country property for rent were read religiously as Mr. Day did not want to buy until sure that life in the suburbs was all that he had heard it to be. His long search finally brought him to Gedney Farm. Real estate folks tried to sell him a place, but he refused to be interested and rented a suite in the Gedney Farm Hotel. He considered the

country thereabout ideal for juvenile and adult. It was the country at its best in his opinion and a place to prove or disprove his ideas of the suburbs. All the sports of the field and the water could be enjoyed without inconvenience and the children had wide fields to scamper over and a lot of other amusements that are not to be found elsewhere to hold their attention and at the same time educate them.

Mr. Day continued his test for three years. One year would have been a sufficient test, but Mr. Day thought that perhaps a second year's test would develop conditions which had escaped his attention during the first year. He even

**Feared Country Life, Supposing It Involved Great Inconveniences, but Learned to His Surprise That the Out of Town Resident Enjoys More Comforts Than the City Man**

continued the test for a third year. He was surprised then that country life was wonderful for growing up as well as younger. He felt better, so did Mrs. Day, but the most pleasing result was the improvement in the health of the little Miss Day. The restraint of the city living had been cast aside and the little lady romped about storing up a supply of health that was denied her in the city by the limitation placed on little citizens by apartment owners and traffic conditions.

All the false ideas they possessed about the inconveniences one must tolerate in a home in the suburbs had disappeared by this time and steps were taken by Mr. Day for a permanent establishment in the hills of lower Westchester county. He confided his wish to Robert E. Farley, president of the Gedney Farm Company, to build a home in the farm. Mr. Farley smiled a bit because the decision was one which neither money nor industry could buy. It was a stamp of approval from a man who had to be convinced that country life was best and that Gedney Farm was the place to live. Mr. Day bought several plots near the hotel and had a house erected. The house was completed last year and the Days left the hotel to become permanent citizens of Gedney Farm.

Having established themselves on the question of the relative benefits of living in the country or in the city, interest turned to the kind of a house they would like to live in. That engrossed the attention of Mr. and Mrs. Day many an evening during the stage of contemplation. They had many ideas of what their home should be like. They had seen

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